

Caroline County Recycling

Coordinator/Staff

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Recycling Goal

- To maintain a recycling rate greater than the State's mandated rate.

Waste Diversion Rate

- For calendar year 2000, as a member of Midshore Regional Recycling Program, 47% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 47% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- The County subsidizes a curbside program in **Hillsboro & Ridgely**.

Drop-off

- The County operates 11 drop-off locations at the five transfer stations and six additional igloo sites to collect: cardboard, clothing, glass, commingled aluminum and steel cans, #1 and #2 narrow-neck plastic bottles and newspaper.

Municipalities

- **Hillsboro & Ridgely** is served by curbside collection.

Processing/Marketing

- Schultz & Sons scrap dealer operates a buy-back center for white goods and lead-acid batteries.

Yard Trimmings

- Both residents and municipalities haul yard debris to the Hobbs Road Landfill for processing and marketing through the regional contract.
- **Denton** has a curbside collection program for yard debris and bulky items.

Other Materials

- *White goods* are collected at the landfill.
- *Telephone books* are collected once a year commingled with newspapers.
- *Automobile batteries* are accepted at all collection sites Tuesday through Saturday. Hours vary by site.

Household Hazardous Waste

- HHW events are open to residents (no business, industry, or commercial waste) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Midshore Counties. A wide variety of materials are

accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, compressed gas cylinders, asbestos, and smoke detectors **are not** accepted. For specifics please contact your County recycling coordinator.

Electronics

- The County currently does not have an electronics recycling program.

Commercial Program

- The County has an outreach program to encourage businesses to recycle and report to the County.

Public Buildings

- White office paper and aluminum cans are collected in County offices and six County schools.

Public Education & Outreach

- The regional recycling program has developed a brochure called “A Guide to Recycling in Caroline County” which is being distributed throughout the county.
- The Recycling Coordinator promotes recycling at schools and civic meetings.

Special Programs

- The County participates in the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program.

Disposal

- The Mid-Shore Regional Landfill serves Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne’s and Kent counties.
- The Regional Landfill tipping fee is \$47.50/ton.

Financing/Budget

- Recycling is partially funded through tipping fees. A \$4.00 surcharge on the tipping fee supports the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Project.